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Condemn Both.

While if it be true that Sena Aldis is guilty of accepting bribes, he is deserving of and should receive the severest possible condemnation...

Bribe-givers are equally guilty with bribe-takers, more to be condemned in fact because if the object of sustaining the false there were no bribe-givers there accusations that it is the Catholic Church, which is now glorifying her judicial murder.

When a corporation proffers a bribe to a public official, such fact constitutes tacit admission that the corporation either has been substituting for a regular government in its course unolested or is contemplating a violation of the law and is paying in advance for protection.

Very likely Mayor Edgerton has influence with said legislator or public official. The payment constitutes bribery just the same and it need not be excused as "black mail".

It is high time that we scourged the bribe-giver just as mercilessly as we do the bribe-taker.

Publicity.

While it may not be so pleasant for the members, the new rule of the Board of Education to hold meetings in public is right and should always have been the custom.

Public sessions, plenty of publicity will go, far to curing the evils which have been complained of in our public schools.

We fancy that the Board of Education prefers to go ahead as the public desires.

Prove Divinity.

This good advice is from the Boston Pilot:

"Many an earnest Catholic as he views the maelstrom of contemporary religious struggles and witnesses the anti-religious fury which strives to destroy the faith that is in him, grows discouraged at times. But he is wrong. The struggle between good and evil, between truth and error, is eternal. If the Gospel not be so high in 1910."

were merely a vulgar and human book the spirit of iniquity would let it slumber in undisturbed tranquility like the Vedas and other memories of forgotten people, nor would it waste time and trouble and learning in the task of tearing its pages to pieces.

When one feels discouraged over the present times, he needs only to read the history of the Church and he will find that these are but spring zephyrs compared to some storms the church has weathered.

Mask Is Off.

We thought it queer that Sarah Bernhardt should essay the role of Joan of Arc for several reasons one of which she could not grasp the spirit of the part.

The Catholic Standard gives a plain explanation that removes all need for wonder when it says: "It is a very significant sign of the times to behold a public personage, his accuser former like Sarah Bernhardt, saying representations of such exalted examples of virtue and sanctity as Joan of Arc and Saint Theresa."

It is a new version of the tragedy of Blessed Conger is now a Senator, so is Joan that Sarah Bernhardt is pleasing, and it is stated in the cabled dispatches regarding it, that the play was written with the object of sustaining the false accusations that it is the Catholic Church, which is now glorifying her judicial murder.

This trick invented as a pawn on the side of the desperate "Bloc" the corporation either has been substituting for a regular government in its course unolested or is contemplating a violation of the street railway problem for protection.

If Charles R Barnes can solve the street railway problem for Rochester he will be entitled to a public vote of thanks.

The "oldest inhabitant" of a quarter of century hence will point with pride to "the winter mail".

Says the Chicago "New World" The Chicago "Daily Tribune" erred at first in sympathizing with Anarchist Ferrer, but soon as it learned the truth it published the facts. There are hundreds of American dailies that have not done so.

They now know they were misled by the lying Paris despatches, but they have not been brave enough to present their refutation. So far as their non-Catholic readers know Ferrer was a poor, persecuted scholar—a martyr in the cause of education.

The "Western Architect and Builder" does not mince matters in the following paragraph: "We fail to see any good reason for the Anarchists of Europe raising such a row over their martyr in Spain. Ferrer was merely reaping what he had sown. It is only blood for blood. When an Anarchist adopts murder as a trade or pastime, he must expect to be retaliated upon. Ferrer naturally came under the inexorable natural law. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." It isn't fair play that they should be allowed a monopoly of blood. Why should they hope to be exempt from the operation of the mills of the gods?"

The agitation for social centers is steered by but a few individuals.

Support of the Catholic press is one means of upholding American ideals.

How anxious the politicians are about the future of Theodore Roosevelt.

It would seem that ice should not be so high in 1910.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

St. Mary's Ambulance Responds to 116 Calls During Month.

The following record for the month of January has been issued by St. Mary's Hospital: Patients in the hospital January 1st, 110; patients admitted during January, 167; births during January, 24; died during January, 13; discharged during January, 153; patients remaining in hospital February 1st, 134.

Patients in the hospital February 1st are classified as follows: Charity patients, 25; private patients, 53; city, county and town patients, 13; ward patients, 42; total, 134.

The ambulance report for January is as follows: Total number of calls, 116; total number of hospital calls, 12; cases taken to St. Mary's Hospital, 81; cases taken home and stations, 19; cases taken to other hospitals, 11; cases not taken, 5; total, 244.

MEMORIAM

At the regular meeting of Division 7 A. O. U. the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Our Heavenly Father in His Infinite Wisdom to remove from our midst the mother of our brother, James Dolan, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely condole with the family of our brother as their severe affliction, and trust they will be enabled with Christian resignation to bear their loss, which an all-wise Providence has inflicted upon them.

Resolved that as a mark of respect to our brother that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of our meeting and a copy thereof be sent to the family and published in the Catholic Journal.

James B. Coville, John Coffey, O. Ward.

A Far Look.

Three visitors traveling in the Isle of Man thought they would visit Scafell, the King of Man mountains. When walking up toward the mountain they espied an old shepherd coming toward them. They thought they would take a rise out of him so one accosted him, saying:

"They tell me, old man, you can see England, Scotland, Ireland and even as far as America from the top of this mountain."

"Oh, yes," said the old man. "If you will come with me I will show you much farther than America."

So chuckling to themselves, they decided to follow him. After trudging for about half an hour up the mountain side in a boiling sun they began to feel rather fatigued and kept asking the shepherd how much farther they had to go.

He kept urging them on a little farther until at last the three visitors lay down on the grass and said they would go no farther for any sight.

"Now," said the old man, "if you will sit here long enough you will see the moon."

Buried on His Horse.

Lord Dacre, who died fighting for the Lancastrians at Towton, England, in 1461, directed that if he were killed in the battle his favorite war horse should be buried in the same grave with him.

According to his wishes, when his interment took place in Saxon church yard after the battle a tremendous grave was dug, and in it the warrior was buried, seated upright on his horse. For centuries reflections were cast upon the accuracy of this tradition, but some years ago while excavations were being made close by the reputed burial place of Lord Dacre the pick of a digger struck into a great bone, and upon further search being made the skull of a big horse was brought to the surface.

As this was found almost at the very spot under which the body of Lord Dacre was said to lie it was accepted as confirmation of the tradition, particularly as the skull was found to be standing vertically in the soil. The skull was replaced carefully in its original position and the excavation filled up.

Queer Creatures.

There are microscopic creatures which live in roof gutters and on the bark of trees and are known as water bears and wheel animals. If allowed to dry up under the microscope they can be seen to shrivel into shapeless masses, which may be kept for years uninjured in the dried state. On being placed, after this long interval, in water they gradually plump up, resume their proper shape and move about in search of food just as if nothing had happened. Much the same is true for the minute worms which, from the substances in which they live, are known as paste and vinegar eels. Well known is the famous case of the desert snail which, retracted into its shell, was fastened to a tablet in the British museum and showed no sign of life for seven years, when one morning it was found crawling hungrily about the glass case that formed its prison.—Westminster Gazette.

Saluting With the Hat.

Before the invention of wigs the hat was rarely removed except to salute others, especially royal personages. It was worn at table when ladies or persons of rank were present. Except when saluting royalty it was the custom merely to raise the hand to the hat somewhat after the manner of a military salute. What it became the

usage to wear a profusion of false hair the hat was less necessary as a protection for the head and was carried under the arm.

A Retiary.

A retiary was the name of a Roman gladiator armed in a peculiar way. He was furnished with a trident and net, with no more covering than a short tunic, and with these implements he endeavored to entangle and dispatch his adversary, who was called a secutor (from sequi, to follow) and was armed with a helmet, a shield and a sword. The name of the first is pronounced as if spelled re-shi-ary the accent on the first syllable.

Improving on Euclid.

The Pioneer of Allahabad tells stories of some "kindergarten" classes in the English army. Among the definitions given in an examination is one of a circle peculiarly happy which gives a freshness to Euclid. It is "A straight line which starts at a certain point and gets back to the same point as quickly as possible."

Your Chances.

The little chances larger and return but the great chances come and go and never come again. If we could look back over the lives of the people by whom we are surrounded, how many great and rich opportunities would we see that they have permitted to drift by them unimproved.

A Line on Bjankyns.

Lawson: What sort of man is Bjankyns, anyway? Dawson: Well, his wife always goes with him when he buys a suit of clothes. Somerville Journal.

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